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SYNTHESIS AND DEGRADATION IN THE

TREATMENT OF DISEASE

AMENDMENT WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated February 23, 2009 (Paper No. 20090210), for which a response was due on May 23, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for 2 months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 23, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.